



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

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NOTE VERBALE

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE and has the honour to state the following:

The OSCE/ODIHR is grateful to the Permanent Representation for the invitation to observe the 6 April 2016 advisory referendum on the approval of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine.

While the OSCE/ODIHR has given the invitation due consideration, the OSCE/ODIHR is regrettably not in a position to respond positively due to resources already obligated to other election-related activities in the given timeframe. Notwithstanding, the OSCE/ODIHR stands ready to assist the Kingdom of the Netherlands in its intention to strengthen democratic institutions and human rights, in line with OSCE commitments.

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE the assurances of its highest consideration.

Warsaw, 19 January 2016



To: Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the OSCE

Cc: Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council